

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-2, 5-6, 8-11, 13-17, and 19-20 are pending in the present application.

Claims 5, 6, 11, 13, 17 and 19 are amended to correct minor informalities. It is believed no new matter is added.

In view of the above, no new issues are believed to be raised by the present amendment and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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